

Suisun City



**Solano County
California**



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the Crystal Elementary School District unionized with the Union Elementary School District, and the Crescent Island Elementary School District (Grizzly Island), which had lapsed, was annexed to the Crystal-Union Union Elementary School District, which comprises approximately one-sixth of Solano County in area. Suisun City is the only municipality in the Crystal-Union District, which operates and maintains two schools, the Travis School on the Travis Air Force Base and the Crystal School in Suisun City, both under the same superintendency.

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HISTORY OF SUISUN CITY

By **DAN O. ROOT.**

The original inhabitants of Solano County were the Suisun Indian Tribes who gave their name to the rich central valley of the county, to the bay in the Carquinez Straits and later to a township and municipality. Chief Sem-Yeto, who assumed the name, Francis

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Solano, when he became a Christian, gave his name to the county.

The original Suisun grant by the Mexican government, which was applied for in January 1837 by Chief Solano and was made to him in January 1842, included within its limits all of Suisun Valley, the city of Suisun City, and contained 17,752 acres. Suisun township is the largest in the county and was originally one of the two first divisions into which Solano County was partitioned. The earliest inhabitants of Solano County, other than the Suisun Indians, were from Mexico, and they arrived in 1817.

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Suisun City was first settled in 1850 and it was developed into an incorporated city on October 9, 1868. The Grace Episcopal Church was the first place of worship erected in Suisun City and was built in 1857. The Suisun City Congregational Church was organized in 1876. Suisun Lodge Number 55, F. & A. M., was chartered by the Grand Lodge on May 4, 1855. Suisun Lodge Number 78, IOOF, was organized on September 13, 1858. The fire department of Suisun City was started on March 24, 1860. At the present time, in the Plaza in Suisun City, there is on exhibition the first

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fire truck used by the Suisun City Fire Department. The fore-runner of the Solano County Courier was first published on April 30, 1868.

The United States Post Office was established in Suisun City on February 3, 1857. The first rural free delivery route, 25 miles in length, was inaugurated in 1898. Since that time this rural route has been extended at various times until it is now 55.7 miles in length, and provides mail delivery for Suisun Valley, Green Valley and Gordon Valley.

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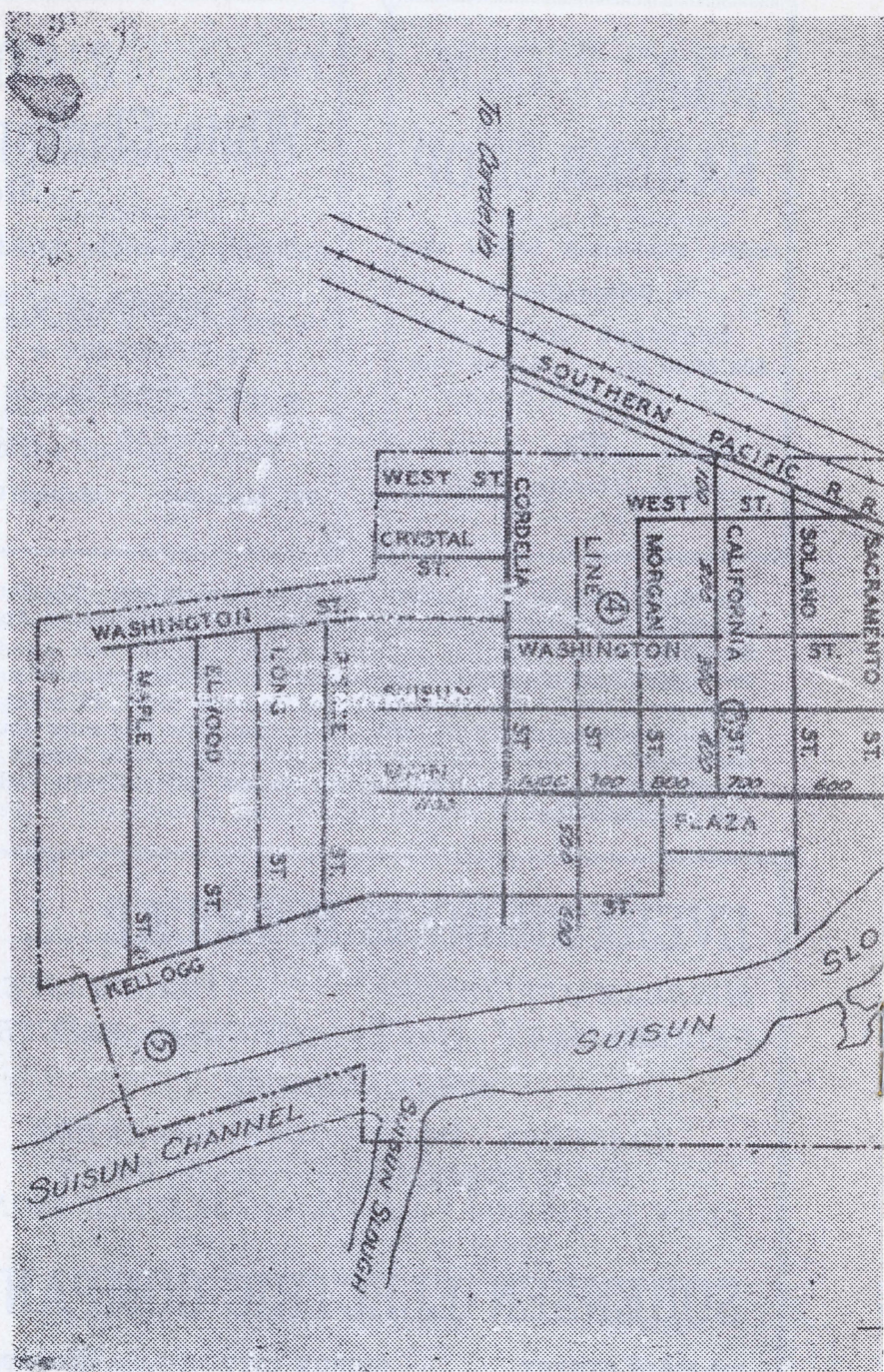
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712 MAIN STREET

SUISUN CITY

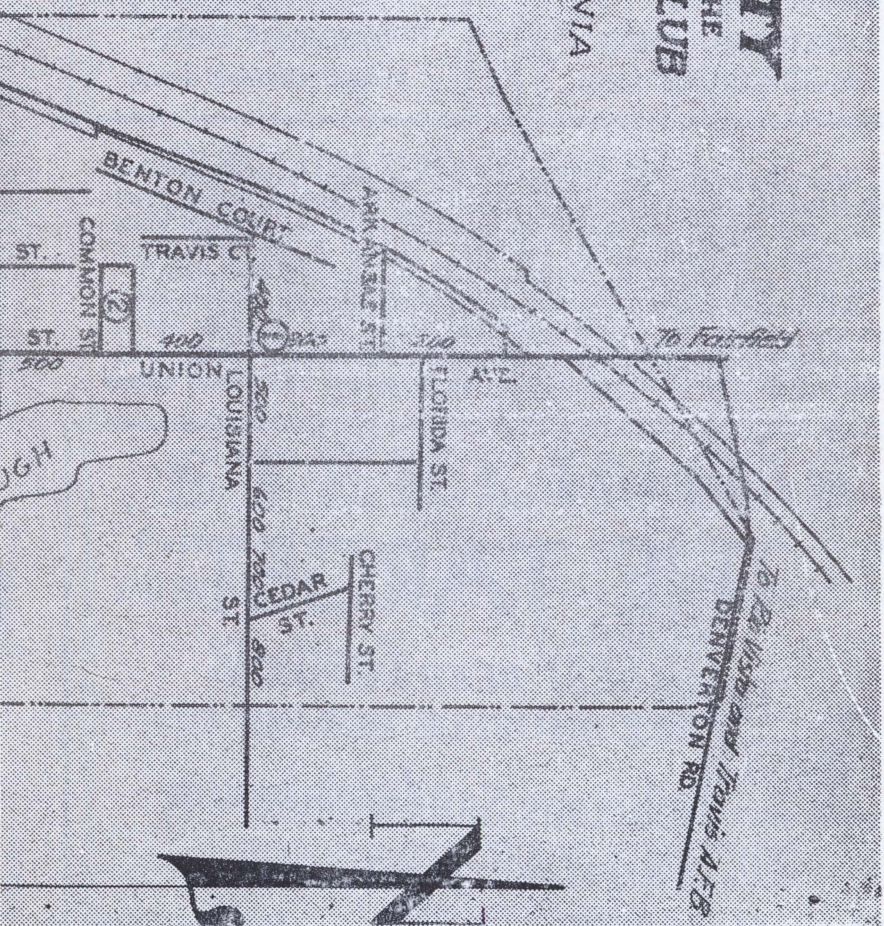
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A MAP OF
Suisun City
 PRESENTED BY THE
SUISUN CIVIC CLUB
 OF
 SUISUN, CALIFORNIA

LEGEND

- 1 US Post Office
- 2 Memorial Building
- 3 City Hall and Fire Department
- 4 Crystal Grammar School
- 5 City Park and Boating Facilities



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Up to the early 1900s steamers for both freight and passengers ran on a regular schedule from the Suisun City waterfront to San Francisco and return. It still is the point of origin for freight transportation for Suisun Valley products. "Suisun means "west wind" and is a well known and honored name throughout the world.

Suisun's Plaza was the setting for the 1948 academy award winning motion picture, "All the King's Men," which was produced by Columbia Pictures, Inc. Local residents served as "extras;" children appearing in it were Crystal school students, and the school scenes

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SUISUN CITY

in the picture were taken at the Crystal School.

For many years the City of Suisun City has owned and operated its own water department, one of the main sources of supply of which is the city's reservoir atop Twin Sisters mountain to the northwest of the city. The city also owns its own sewage system, electroliers and City Hall building, as well as modern and efficient fire department equipment.

In the Suisun City Plaza will be found on exhibition one of the oldest fire engine in the State of California. This engine,

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On 9 July, 1888, Suisun City suffered a devastating fire, which started about 2:30 p.m. Only two business houses were left stand-

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ing, and eight blocks in all were destroyed. However, after the fire, the city was rapidly rebuilt.

Another early day disaster was the sinking of the freight steamer "Sophie McClain," which blew up alongside a Suisun Slough wharf in 1864. The steamer was about to leave the wharf for San Francisco on its regular run when its boilers blew up, killing the captain and most of the passengers and crewmen.

In July 1906, Suisun City once more faced ruination when flames swept through the business section of the thriving little town.

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Suisun

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Later the railroad became a part of the old Central Pacific, and then the Southern Pacific. The new company extended the road to Benicia and until 1930, when the railroad bridge was completed, trains were ferried across Suisun Bay to Martinez. With this arrangement completed for through trains to Oakland, Suisun City

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An excerpt from the book titled "History of Solano County" written by J. P. Munro Fraser and published by Wood, Alley and Company in 1879 reads as follows:

"Suisun City stands on an island in the midst of the tule lands which form a marshy tract lying between the Potrero Hills and Benicia. As it is today it is a flourishing little town of about 1800 inhabitants. Its streets are, as a rule, well filled with people, while its stores, of which there are some handsome ones, appear to have a fair share of business. Within its city limits is the California Pa-

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The objectives of the Suisun Civic Club are to tell the business and industrial world of the town's tremendous potentials. Truly, it can be said that the “welcome mat is out” in friendly Suisun City.

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VIRGIL'S BAIT SHOP

VIRGIL CROWELL, Owner

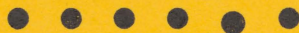


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